

WHAT'S HAPPENING WEDNESDAY

Kansas Immunization Program

February 5, 2020

VFC Consultant On-Call

The Consultant On-Call can be reached Monday—Friday, 8 a.m.—5 p.m. at 785-296-5592.



CHIEF CHAT

How about those CHIEFS?! What a great way to start the year! Believe it or not, we are now in February and things are moving very fast!

First, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have just released the 2020 Child and Adult Immunization Schedules. Some of the highlights are discussed in the Injection of Education on page 2 of this newsletter. You can also find the full schedules at the following links:

- Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule for ages 18 years or younger, United States, 2020: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/child-adolescent.html>
- Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule for ages 19 years or older, United States, 2020: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/adult.html>

Next, the Immunization Action Plan (IAP) [Funding Available by County for SFY2021](#) is now available for your review. You

may also link to it from the Kansas Grant Management System IAP page. This applies only to local health departments.

If you have any questions please contact, Phil Griffin at Phil.griffin@ks.gov.

Finally, the 49th National Immunization Conference (NIC) will be held May 19-21, 2020, at the Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia.

The NIC brings together more than 1,500 local, state, federal, and private-sector immunization stakeholders and partners to explore science, policy, education, and planning issues related to immunization and vaccine-preventable diseases.

Please visit the [49th NIC web page](#) to register and learn more about the conference.

As always, your continued work to vaccinate individuals across the state is very appreciated! Please let us know if we can do anything to assist in your efforts.

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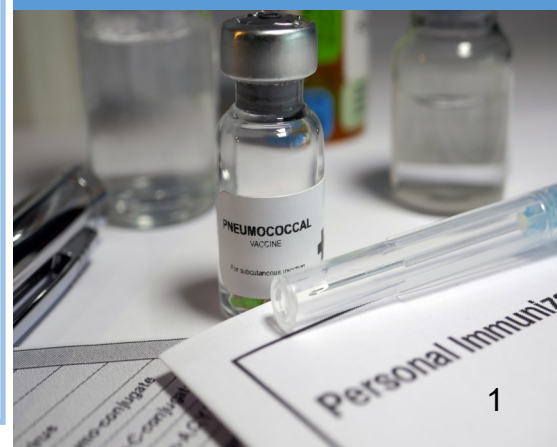
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INJECTION OF EDUCATION

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recently released the [Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule for ages 18 years or younger, United States, 2020](#), and the [Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule for ages 19 years or older, United States 2020](#).

Some of the changes made to recommendations for the **Child and Adolescent Schedule** include:

Tdap vaccine recommendation for adolescents, as published in the [January 24, 2020 Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report \(MMWR\)](#), includes the following guidance:

- **Catch-up immunization.** For persons aged 7-9 years of age who received a dose of Tdap as part of the catch-up series, an adolescent Tdap dose should be administered at age 11-12 years of age. If Tdap is administered at age ≥ 10 years, the Tdap dose may be counted as the adolescent Tdap dose.
- **Fully vaccinated children aged 7-10 years.** If a fully vaccinated child aged 7-9 years receives Tdap, the Tdap dose should not be counted as valid. The adolescent Tdap dose should be administered as recommended when this child is aged 11-12 years of age. The preferred age to administer the adolescent Tdap dose is 11-12 years of age. However, if Tdap is administered at age 10 years, the Tdap dose may count as the adolescent Tdap dose.

Hepatitis A vaccine recommendation has been updated with the following guidance:

- **All children and adolescents 2 through 18 years of age who have not previously received hepatitis A vaccine should receive a catch-up vaccination and complete a 2-dose series.**

One change made to the recommendations for the **Adult Immunization Schedule** include changes to the HPV vaccine recommendation.

HPV vaccine recommendation:

- **HPV vaccination is recommended for all adults through age 26 years.**
- **The recommendation for age 27 through 45 years is based on shared clinical decision-making.**

All changes made to the 2020 Child and Adult Immunization Schedules can be found at the following website: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/schedule-changes.html>

Kansas Immunization Program

Knowledge Injection Series (KIP-KIS)

February 20, 2020
12 – 1 p.m.
Broadcast via Webinar

Addressing Vaccine Hesitancy in a Changing World

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TARGET AUDIENCE This series is designed for Physicians, Advanced Practice Nurses, Nurses, and Pharmacists and other health care professionals involved in the administration and management of vaccines.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES At the conclusion of this session participants should be able to:

1. Describe the epidemiology of vaccine hesitancy and identify key factors associated with the decision to accept, delay or refuse vaccines
2. Identify potential communication and policy approaches to address vaccine hesitancy
3. Review current evidence in support of strategies to address vaccine hesitancy

Register for this **NO COST** webinar Today!

To register, visit https://www.eeds.com/portal_live_events.aspx?ConferenceID=725980

Registration is required by noon, Tuesday, February 18. For additional assistance with registration, call the KU Area Health Education Center at (620) 235-4040.

Influenza Surveillance



The Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet) sites continue to monitor patients for influenza-like illness (ILI) – symptoms include a fever ($\geq 100^{\circ}\text{F}$) and the presence of a cough and/or sore throat. During the week ending January 25, ILINet sites reported 6.4% of visits were due to ILI. Syndromic surveillance indicated 8.0% of visits to emergency departments in Kansas were due to ILI. All data is subject to change. KHEL has detected A/H1 in 20 specimens and influenza B in one specimen. Eleven influenza outbreaks have been reported to KDHE this season. As a reminder, outbreaks of any disease are reportable and should be reported to the epidemiology hotline at (877) 427-7317. Stay updated on influenza activity at <http://www.kdheks.gov/flu/surveillance.htm>.

Kansas WebIZ Notice

We are aware that many of you are receiving notifications from KSWebIZ regarding storage unit thermometers needing calibration. The certificate of calibration for most Kansas Immunization Program (KIP) supplied digital data loggers will expire in June or August of 2020. We are working on plans to distribute new KIP-supplied digital data loggers in the very near future. In the meantime, if you are receiving notifications in KSWebIZ regarding thermometers needing calibration, please disregard them. We are working with our vendor to address these notifications. We apologize for any confusion this has caused and ask for your continued patience while we work to get this issue resolved.

Vaccine-Preventable Disease Outbreaks and Clusters in Kansas

PERTUSSIS – WYANDOTTE COUNTY: The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the Unified Government Public Health Department have been investigating a community-wide outbreak of pertussis since November 2019. Initially, cases were linked to multiple schools in the area, but have since spread outside of the school system. So far, 35 cases have been identified and associated to the outbreak. The last onset of illness was January 1, 2020; the outbreak will be declared over after 42 days (two incubation periods for pertussis) have lapsed without any newly identified cases of pertussis.

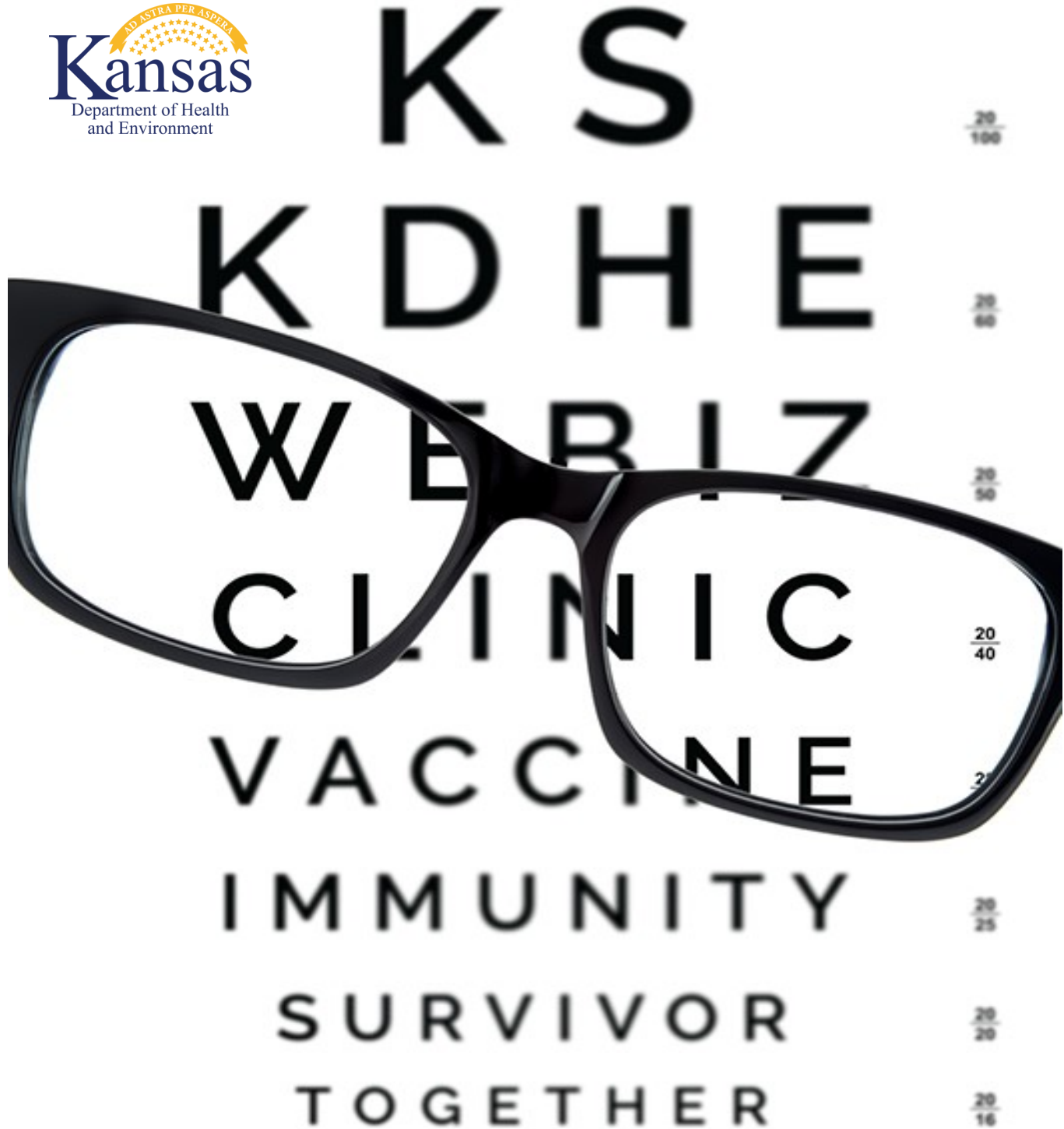
VARICELLA – MIAMI COUNTY: Through routine investigation, the Miami County Health Department identified a household cluster with three cases of varicella. Rash onset was on January 13, 2020 for all cases. At this time no other cases have been reported to KDHE or Miami County.

For updated case counts of infectious diseases reportable to Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Response, please visit the KDHE webpage at http://www.kdheks.gov/epi/case_reports_by_county.htm.

Note these numbers are preliminary and are subject to change based on case review. For any questions about reporting or for technical assistance please call the KDHE epidemiology hotline at 877-427-7317.

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2020 Kansas Immunization Conference



2020 KANSAS IMMUNIZATION CONFERENCE

WITNESSING THE IMPACT OF VACCINES WITH 2020 VISION

JUNE 8-11, 2020

Tony's Pizza Event Center | 800 The Midway | Salina, Kansas

For more information: Contact KU Area Health Education Center at (620) 235-4040. Brochure to follow.